

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in the above-identified application with claim 2 standing withdrawn due to an earlier Restriction Requirement of the Examiner.

The specification is being amended herein to provide a cross-reference to Applicants' previously filed applications. No new matter is being introduced by the present amendment.

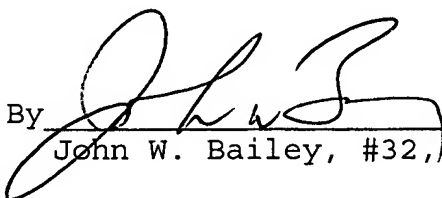
CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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